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(SENATOR LONG)

WASHINGTON—SENATOR LONG, DEMOCRAT LA., SAID TODAY PRESIDENT KENNEDY SHOULD RELIEVE GEN LYMAN D. LEMNITZER, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AS A RESULT OF THE CUBAN FIASCO.

LONG ALSO SAID ON A TELEVISION PROGRAM (ONE-YOUTH WANTS TO KNOW) THAT "SOME CHANGES" SHOULD BE MADE IN THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

"I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I'D MOVE ALLEN DULLES (CIA DIRECTOR) OR NOT," BECAUSE THAT FIASCO WAS VERY POORLY ADVISED."

LONG ALSO SAID PRESIDENT KENNEDY SHOULD HAVE CONSULTED WITH FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR BEFORE THE ABORTIVE CUBAN INVASION RATHER THAN AFTERWARD.

"THEY'RE BOTH ABLE, COMPETENT MILITARY MEN," HE SAID, "I'D PUT EITHER ONE OF THEM AHEAD OF THE CHAIRMAN OF OUR JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF."

EISENHOWER GAVE A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF IN AN ADDRESS TO A REPUBLICAN GATHERING LAST WEEK.

LONG STRONGLY OPPOSED THE TRACTORS-FOR-PRISONERS EXCHANGE WITH CUBAN PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO.

IN SOME RESPECTS, HE SAID, THE UNITED STATES HAS A MORAL OBLIGATION TO TRY TO GET THE PRISONERS RELEASED. BUT, HE ADDED, "YOU DON'T WIN WARS BY BUYING PRISONERS" OR "DEFEAT BLACKMAILERS BY PAYING RANSOM."

LONG SAID THERE WERE "ALL SORTS OF PRECEDENTS" FOR THE CUBAN PRISONER SITUATION, "EVEN WHAT THE YANKEE FOLKS DID TO US CONFEDERATES BACK DURING THE CIVIL WAR."

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